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In re Application of: Lal et al.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please note that the period for response has been extended until January 25, 2002 by the accompanying Petition and fee. This response is timely filed January 27, 2002, as January 25, 2002, is a Saturday and January 26, 2002, is a Sunday.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 59, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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